

The Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Hugh Montgomery
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Department of State

SUBJECT: Support for the Intelligence Producers Council

1. The Intelligence Producers Council (IPC) was established on the premise that the intelligence producers, collectively, have an important and necessary role to fill in advising the DCI on NFIP matters touching on the quality of intelligence. This can best be accomplished through a formal interagency body involving only producers. There is also a real benefit to be gained by having senior intelligence production managers meet from time to time to discuss among themselves issues pertinent to the intelligence process. The IPC has made a useful start in the few months since it was established, and its value will grow as time goes on.

2. A small group is being formed to support the activities of the IPC. This should be staffed with representatives of the IPC members (DIA, INR, NSA, and DDI), assigned on permanent detail for at least one year. The DDI is providing administrative support, office space, one officer, one secretary, and (for now) the chief of this staff. If the other agencies will each contribute one experienced officer, GS-14 or GS-15, effective interagency staff support will be provided to the IPC, which cannot itself carry out the many varied tasks within its purview.

3. INR should be a full participant in these activities. Please give this your consideration and let me know your decision.

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